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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 1633

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SUBJECT: FIVE OF SIX CAPTURED SANDINISTAS DEPORTED TO PANAMA

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 1364 (NOTAL)(DTG 172159Z MAR 78)

1. FIVE OF THE SIX FSLN MEMBERS CAPTURED DURING THE RECENT HONDURAN ARMY SWEEP OF THE BORDER AREA WITH NICARAGUA (REFTEL) WERE DEPORTED MARCH 31 TO PANAMA. GRANTED ASYLUM BY PANAMA WERE OSCAR BENAVIDES, ULISES TAPIA ROA, MANUEL MAIRENA (OR NAIRELA) GUTIERREZ, RAUL GRANADOS

OCHOA AND ALVARO HERNANDEZ CISNE. THE REMAINING SANDINISTA, GERMAN POMARES, IS STILL IN CUSTODY.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTEDLY ASKED FOR POMARES' EXTRADITION, SUCH A STEP SEEMS UNLIKELY BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY IT WOULD GENERATE SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS FOR HONDURAS.

"OPERATION VELOZ", THE HONDURAN MILITARY SWEEP, HAS SERVED A USEFUL PURPOSE IN TRYING TO CONVINCE THE GON THAT THE GOH WILL
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NOT ALLOW HONDURAN TERRITORY TO SERVE AS A BASE AGAINST SOMOZA. AT THE SAME TIME, RELEASE OF THE SANDANISTAS TO PANAMA, AND NOT TO NICARAGUA, WHILE NOT SATISFYING SOME GROUPS WHO WOULD WELCOME OPEN OPPOSITION TO SOMOZA, WILL PROBABLY BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE BY THOSE GROUPS. THE MAJORITY CONSENSUS, ANTI-SOMOCISTAS NOTWITHSTANDING, SEEMS TO BE THAT THE GOH HAS THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO PATROL ITS OWN FRONTIER ZONES.

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